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SUBJECT: LOS: AALAND ISLAND CONVENTION

1. ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES TO 1921 AALAND ISLAND CONVENTION WERE GERMANY, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, UK, ITALY, LATVIA, POLAND AND SWEDEN. DEPT KNOWS OF NO CHANGES IN PARTIES.

2. 1921 AALAND ISLANDS CONVENTION IS SUPPLEMENT TO 1856 AALAND ISLANDS CONVENTION ANNEXED TO TREATY OF PARIS. 1921 CONVENTION PROVIDES THAT FINLAND UNDERTAKES NOT TO FORTIFY
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THAT PART OF THE FINNISH ARCHIPELAGO WHICH IS CALLED THE

AALAND ISLANDS (ART. 1). PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AGREED (ART 7) TO APPLY, JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, TO THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, ASKING THAT BODY TO DECIDE WHICH MEASURES SHALL BE TAKEN EITHER TO ASSURE THE OBSERVANCE OF PROVISIONS OF CONVENTION OR TO STOP ANY VIOLATIONS. PARTIES AGREED TO ASSIST IN MEASURES DECIDED UPON BY LEAGUE COUNCIL. IN THE EVENT THE NEUTRALITY OF THE ZONE IS IMPAIRED BY ATTACK AGAINST AALAND ISLANDS OR ACROSS THEM AGAINST FINLAND, FINLAND SHALL TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES IN THE ZONE TO CHECK AND REPULSE THE AGGRESSOR UNTIL PARTIES TO CONVENTION CAN INTERVENE. FINLAND SHALL IMMEDIATELY REFER THE MATTER TO THE COUNCIL.

3. PERTINENT ARTICLES ARE:

BEGIN TEXT - ARTICLE 3. NO MILITARY OR NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT OR BASE OF OPERATIONS, NO MILITARY AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHMENT OR BASE OF OPERATIONS, AND NO OTHER INSTALLATION USED FOR WAR PURPOSES SHALL BE MAINTAINED OR SET UP IN THE ZONE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2.

ARTICLE 4. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 7, NO MILITARY, NAVAL OR AIR FORCE OF ANY POWER SHALL ENTER OR REMAIN IN THE ZONE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2; THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORT, TRANSPORT AND RE-EXPORT OF ARMS AND IMPLEMENTS OF WAR IN THIS ZONE ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL, HOWEVER, BE APPLIED IN TIME OF PEACE:

(A) IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR POLICE FORCE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY IN THE ZONE, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GENERAL PROVISIONS IN FORCE IN THE FINNISH REPUBLIC, FINLAND MAY, IF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND, SEND INTO THE ZONE AND KEEP THERE TEMPORARILY SUCH OTHER ARMED FORCES AS SHALL BE STRICTLY NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER.

(B) FINLAND ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT FOR ONE OR TWO OF HER UNCLASSIFIED

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LIGHT SURFACE WARSHIPS TO VISIT THE ISLANDS FROM TIME TO TIME. THESE WARSHIPS MAY THEN ANCHOR TEMPORARILY IN THE WATERS OF THE ISLANDS. APART FROM THESE SHIPS, FINLAND MAY, IF IMPORTANT SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND, SEND INTO THE WATERS OF THE ZONE AND KEEP THERE TEMPORARILY OTHER SURFACE SHIPS, WHICH MUST IN NO CASE EXCEED A TOTAL DISPLACEMENT OF 6,000 TONS.

THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE ARCHIPELAGO AND TO ANCHOR THERE
TEMPORARILY CANNOT BE GRANTED BY THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO
MORE THAN ONE WARSHIP OF ANY OTHER POWER AT A TIME.

(C) FINLAND MAY FLY HER MILITARY OR NAVAL AIRCRAFT OVER
THE ZONE, BUT, EXCEPT IN CASES OF FORCE MAJEURE, LANDING
THERE IS PROHIBITED.

ARTICLE 5. THE PROHIBITION TO SEND WARSHIPS INTO THE ZONE
DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2 OR TO STATION THEM THERE WILL NOT
PREJUDICE THE FREEDOM OF INNOCENT PASSAGE THROUGH THE
TERRITORIAL WATERS. SUCH PASSAGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE
GOVERNED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND USAGES IN FORCE.

ARTICLE 6. IN TIME OF WAR, THE ZONE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE
2 SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS A NEUTRAL ZONE AND SHALL NOT,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE CONNECTED
WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE EVENT OF
A WAR AFFECTING THE BALTIC SEA, FINLAND SHALL HAVE THE
RIGHT, IN ORDER TO ASSURE RESPECT FOR THE NEUTRALITY OF
THE AALAND ISLANDS, TEMPORARILY TO LAY MINES IN THE
TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THESE ISLANDS AND FOR THIS PURPOSE
TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES OF A MARITIME NATURE AS ARE STRICTLY
NECESSARY.

IN SUCH A CASE FINLAND SHALL AT ONCE REFER THE MATTER TO
THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. END TEXT.

4. CONVENTION PROVIDES THAT

THE NAME (ART 2) "AALAND ISLANDS" INCLUDES ALL THE ISLANDS,
INLETS AND REEFS SITUATED IN THE STRETCH OF SEA
BOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING LINES. (DEPT NOT REPEATING EXACT
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COORDINATES):

ON NORTH BY PARALLEL OF LATITUDE 60 DEGREES, 41 NORTH

ON SOUTH BY PARALLEL OF LATITUDE 59 DEGREES, 27 NORTH

ON EAST BY BROKEN LINE ROUGHLY ALONG 21 MERIDIAN

ON WEST BY BROKEN LINE ROUGHLY ALONG 20 MERIDIAN

5. FULL TEXT OF AALAND ISLANDS CONVENTION BEING POUCHED
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